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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - DEPARTMENT'S NOTE ON ALL-CARGO SERVICE

REF: MANILA 4214

1. COPY OF DEPT'S FEBRUARY 28 NOTE POUCHED MARCH 1.ACCORD-
ING TO OC/P, POUCHED SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED BY 3/8 ATLATEST.
2. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFERS TO THE EMBASSY OF
THE PHILIPPINES' NOTE DATED FEBRUARY 25, 1977 CONCERNING
THE 1974 INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT
SERVICES, THE APPLICATION OF THE PHILIPPINE AIRLINES (PAL)
WITH THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD (CAB) FOR THREE WEEKLY
ALL-CARGO FREQUENCIES AND THE BOARD'S ORDER, DATED FEB 17,
1977, DISAPPROVING THAT APPLICATION.

AS THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED DIRECTLY BY THE CAB, THE
ORDER DISAPPROVING PAL'S APPLICATION BECAME EFFECTIVE ON
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FEBRUARY 27. AS THE ORDER NOTED, THE CAB ACTION WAS BASED
ON THE BOARD'S OPINION THAT THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT HAS
FAILED TO GIVE "SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION" TO THE US AIR-
LINES' APPLICATIONS FOR ALL-CARGO SERVICE AS REQUIRED BY
THE 1974 INTERIM AGREEMENT, AND THAT, ACCORDINGLY, IT
WOULD BE ADVERSE TO US PUBLIC INTEREST FOR PAL TO OPERATE
THE PROPOSED ALL-CARGO FLIGHTS AT THIS TIME. IN VIEW OF

THIS ORDER DISAPPROVING PAL'S APPLICATION, IT WOULD FOLLOW THAT PAL SHOULD SUSPEND ITS INAUGURAL ALL-CARGO FLIGHT, SCHEDULED TO DEPART MANILA ON MARCH 1 AT 2220 HOURS, MANILA TIME.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IF EVIDENCE OF "SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION" IS PROVIDED TO THE CAB, I.E., THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT'S APPROVAL OF FLYING TIGER LINES APPLICATION TO CHANGE FROM DC-8 TO B-747 AIRCRAFT BUT WITH THE CAPACITY LIMITED TO THAT OF THE PRESENT DC-8 AIRCRAFT, PAL'S APPLICATION WOULD BE ALLOWED. THE CAB BELIEVES THAT FLYING TIGER'S CHANGE OF AIRCRAFT WITH ITS LIMITATION ON CAPACITY, WOULD HAVE NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE PHILIPPINES.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO INDICATE ITS APPROVAL OF THIS REQUEST BY FLYING TIGER WHICH WOULD RESULT IN A FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF PAL'S ALL-CARGO APPLICATION. THIS WOULD BE A WELCOME FIRST STEP TOWARD THE IMPROVEMENT OF US-PHILIPPINE CIVIL AVIATION RELATIONS. END QUOTE.

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